Summer Overnight Camp

The one-week overnight camp is for children ages 6 to 13 years old who have had or are currently dealing with cancer or other blood-related disorders. The goal is to put the disease aside for a short while and encourage each camper's inner child to come out and play, enjoying a "normal" camping experience, regardless of their illness or the side effects of their treatments.

Overnight Camp: Held at Babler State Park's Outdoor Education Center, is a treasured week, enjoyed in the fresh air and sunshine, free from the confines of hospital walls. The Camp Rainbow team is composed of high-school age counselors, college-age unit heads, and an adult staff, including a full medical team. Counselors work with campers on a one to one or one to two ratio, depending on the age group.

Daily camp activities include archery, arts and crafts, drama, a low ropes challenge course, fishing, music, nature, sports, and swimming. Afternoons are filled with exciting choice activities such as photography, cooking, magic, pottery, or jewelry making. With a special theme each day, such as Western Day, Superhero Day, and Circus Day, it is no surprise to see campers, counselors, and staff in full costume. Every day a broad range of enthusiastic guests such as magicians, clowns, firefighters, police, and professional athletes visit camp to join in the fun.

For one magical week each summer, Overnight Camp strives to create an environment where the campers are not burdened by their illness but rather empowered to deal with all of life's challenges, all while having fun and "just being a kid".

Summer Overnight Camp is held at Babler State Park's Outdoor Education Center in Wildwood, Missouri.

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Summer Day Camp

Beginning in June, 1997, we added the one-week day camp for 4 to 6 years olds which is held during the same week as overnight camp from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The camp is specifically designed to meet the unique needs of younger children who are battling cancer or blood related disorders. While they may not yet be ready for a week-long overnight stay, our eager 4, 5 and 6-year-olds still benefit from the fun and excitement of a typical week at camp...

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Siblings Camp

Siblings of children diagnosed with cancer also experience a strong emotional and social impact. Oftentimes, siblings feel overlooked as the parents and other family members turn their attention to treatment and other considerations that coincide with a cancer diagnosis. Just as the child with cancer needs support, attention and care, so do their strongest supporters — their brothers and sisters...

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Teen Camp

Camp Rainbow Teen Camp is a unique weekend-long overnight camping experience for high school teens ages 14 to 18 facing cancer or blood related disorders. Held at Babler State Park's Outdoor Education Center in March, special themes for the weekend deal with communication, relationships, and self-esteem...

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Hospital Camp-In

The spirit of Camp Rainbow can be felt anywhere....out in the sunshine, or even on the floors of the hospital. Wherever smiles are needed, that's where the rainbow goes! Camp-In is an inpatient activity, aimed at providing a 2-day camp experience for children who are inpatient at the 3 area hospitals – St. Louis Children's Hospital, Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, and Mercy Medical Center...

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Frequently Asked Questions

Where is Camp Rainbow? −

The Camp Rainbow Foundation office is located in Chesterfield, Missouri on Olive Blvd. Overnight Summer Camp, Mini Day Camp and Teen camp are held at the Outdoor Education Center at Babler State Park in Wildwood, MO, about half an hour from the city of St. Louis. Family Camp is held at Trout Lodge in Potosi, MO.

How much does it cost to send my child to Camp Rainbow? +

Who are the counselors at Camp Rainbow? +

Will my child's medical needs be met if he or she attends Camp Rainbow? +

What activities are available at Camp Rainbow? +

How does my child get to camp? +

How do I apply for camp? +

Can I contact my camper during overnight summer camp? +

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Who can attend Camp Rainbow? +

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